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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

Rev. Manuel F. Campbell

THE CALL OF GOD

The call to the ministry is a direct call from God. No person should preach without this call, and no person should refuse to preach when he has this call. God calls men to bear the burden of proclaiming the gospel, but each minister is forced to decide between the role of a dumb dog or a flame of fire. Time and environment will provide ample opportunities to test the fibre of the soul of the preacher. Strong souls, determined souls, yet humble souls are needed in the ministry.

God, in no age, has called ministers to drift with the sinful masses. He calls men to stand up, speak up, and sound out an alarm of the terrible effects of sin. God has never called men to compromise with sin and Satan. He calls men to be flames of fire and to glow for His glory.

A preacher is never disobedient to Christ while the fire of God burns in his soul. The danger comes when the fire goes out. Why be a dumb dog when God wants His preachers to be flames of fire? **THE CALLED OF GOD MUST BURN FOR GOD.**

TO REMEMBER

There are two things we need to remember in our study of the Scriptures. One is, that there are beauties and precious things in every part of the Bible. No spot is barren; not a

chapter is there in the whole Book, but has in it something that may bless a soul; some fragment of the gold of truth, some disclosure of the divine heart or divine will, some cluster of nourishing fruit, or perchance, as among the rocks on many a hillside, some cool spring of water flowing out to quench the heart's thirst.

The other thing to be remembered is, that the Word of God must be searched diligently, lovingly, carefully, thoroughly. Such searching will always be rewarded. Careless, superficial reading will never yield the greatest blessing. Into every obscure nook, into every seemingly bare and empty field, into every chapter of names and facts, into every ancient chronicle and genealogical list, we must press our quest, if we would find all the precious things our Father has prepared for us in His Word. Unless we thus search, there are many of the best things we shall never find, because many of the best things lie where only the thorough seeker will find them.—Presbyterian at Work.

"I WON'T BE UNHAPPY"

Visiting one day an aged and poor old woman, I found her very happy notwithstanding her many infirmities. I asked her, "Are you always happy?" She replied, "Yes, always happy." "But are you never unhappy?" "No; I won't be unhappy!"

I suppose I have thought of this visit a thousand times. I am persuaded the will has much to do with our happiness. We may be determined to rejoice in the Lord always, and by grace be able to keep the purpose of our heart, our peace being as a river and our righteousness abounding as the waves of the sea.—Bishop James.

NEW WORK AT SYLVANIA, GEORGIA

Brother F. F. Dowdy pitched a tent here on June 6, 1952, and began to preach God's Word. In the 3 weeks' revival 30 were saved, and a goodly number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. T. A. Perking, pastor of Jesup District, set the church in order on June 23, 1952, with 21 new members and 8 by transfer. After the camp meeting another revival was started with L. C. Allen as evangelist. It ran 2½ weeks, and 28 were saved, 12 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church, making the total membership 34. Thirteen were baptized in water. The power of God was present each evening. Many were healed by the mighty power of God. We thank God for our Sunday School. On the 4th Sunday we had 96 in our Sunday School, as shown in the picture. On the 5th Sunday we had over 100 in attendance. Pray that God will continue to bless here, and we can soon build a church building. At present we are still worshipping under the tent. We thank God for our good pastor, Brother F. F. Dowdy, and for sending Brother Allen our way. Watch Sylvania shine for Christ.—Reporter.



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The Victorious Christian

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"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," 2 Tim. 1:12.

We do not need to go very far into the Word of God to find out what it takes to be a triumphant Christian. There are many so-called Christians in the world today who are continually confessing their awful defeats. There is no such thing as defeat with Christ, no such thing as surrender or laying down arms, or turning back in retreat. Gods invariable promises are that He will never fall those who call upon Him for help. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty (difficult) things, which thou knowest not," was God's promise to Jeremiah. And the psalmist David gave this great testimony: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him," Ps. 28:7.

If we fall God, there is a reason for it; there is a fault somewhere; and it is not God's fault. If we fail to retain the blessing of God, it is because somewhere we have let down. There is such a thing as continuous victory; it is by walking in the light and keeping our faith channels clear toward God. Times of testing will come. Let us ever remember His precious promise: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" Ps. 55:22.

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we shall have that victory. But if we cease at any time to walk in the light of God, we lose that victory. It is a good thing to know what it means to have the victory. It means to maintain unbroken communion with the Holy Spirit and walk in the path He has mapped out for us in His Word. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore," Ps. 16:11.

God delivered the children of Israel from the iron heel of Pharaoh, the

pagan despot. The children of Israel were in Egypt laboring in bondage, abject slaves, until they cried out to God for deliverance and God delivered them. Through a glorious succession of miracles, He brought them out of bondage and started them on the way to the land of Canaan, that they might live for God and be a holy nation, a peculiar treasure unto God.

God's plan and purpose was to make that people a holy people, a people zealous of good works, a people entirely separated and different from the other nations of the world round about them; and God told them what they should do in order to be that kind of people. He said that they should obey His voice, keep His covenant, and not associate with idolaters, and abstain from the pollutions of the world.

How thorough are we in our convictions toward God? How thorough are we in our conscientious scruples concerning our conduct before the Almighty? Are we ever ready to uphold the standards of God's truth, to bring our lives into conformity with the mighty Word of God?

The world is full of religious education, religious culture, and those other things which the natural man upholds; but if our life is out of tune with God, and does not conform to the standards of truth as set forth in the Bible, we have a false conception of what Christianity really is.

If we do not relinquish every hold that we have upon the world, the flesh, and the devil to enter into this covenant—the covenant by sacrifice and conformity to the will of God and obedience to His commands—we have not even begun our race for life. Let us remember that no sinner is ever truly converted unto God who has not come to a keen sense of his guilt before God and of his unworthiness of God's favor and blessing or even of His mercy.

Conversion without repentance is not conversion at all. A professed knowledge of God without ever renouncing sin and turning one's back on the world and all its frivolities and enticements, and accepting Christ whole-heartedly and sincerely is no

conversion at all. There is no such thing as Christianity without Christ; and there is no such thing as getting Christ on your side until you have turned your back on everything that offends Christ.

Unless a man comes to the cross, receiving there the forgiveness of his sins and enters into reconciliation with the Father, he has no ground on which to stand for any appeal to God. The Scriptures never promised salvation to him who feigns to believe in Christ, and there are no self-made men in heaven.

Are you getting any real and lasting satisfaction out of the glittering pleasures and pursuits of this world? Are you not finding that things lose their flavor, and that you are spending your strength day after day for naught? That you are no more satisfied than you were a year ago? Does not a sense of hollowness and weariness come over you as you go on in the same round, perpetually getting through things only to begin again? It cannot be otherwise. Over even the best and purest earthly fountains the Hand that never makes a mistake has written, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again." Look into your own heart, and you will find a copy of that inscription already traced, "Shall thirst again."

There is a brighter and happier life, whose inscription is "Shall never thirst"; a life that is no dull round of dissatisfaction, but a life that has found its true path and mark, and set itself toward a shining and happy goal. Will you not seek it? His Word says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye," Ps. 32:8.

"All souls are mine," said God. But that one who has absolutely surrendered to God, and committed his life to Him, is sure to be safe. There is no uncertainty in God's keeping power, because He rules the universe; and if it pleases God sometimes to reverse the laws of nature and perform a miracle to maintain your existence here in this world, He will do it. We can well trust Him to do it, because

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God's Provision for Healing

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There is a beautiful story written for us by the Spirit inspired writer, Mark, in his gospel letter, for he says, "and a certain woman which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch, but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague," Mark 5:25-28.

How did this woman hear about Jesus? There were no Bibles to read in those days. There were no preachers as yet to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. But this woman was healed by Jesus and she went to Jesus because she had heard of Him.

I can see this afflicted woman as she was going about day after day seeking some way of deliverance from her issue of blood. Perhaps it was one day as she was walking the streets of her city that she heard the story of a certain leper that had been healed by a man named Jesus. "And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand and touched him saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed," Matt. 8:2, 3. A ray of hope leaped within her heart. I can imagine that this woman was pretty hopeless and discouraged after twelve years of illness, and now her money was gone, and her condition grew worse. However, after this ray of hope struck her heart, she journeyed on. Soon she overheard another story. "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus said unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour," Matt. 8:5-10, 13.

"Oh," she thought, "how wonderful is this Jesus! I must seek Him. He can

help me." And as she journeyed on she heard more and more about the healings of Jesus. "And as Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose and ministered unto them. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick," Matt. 8:14-16. "And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us; we perish. And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful, oh ye of little faith? Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm," Matt. 8:23-26.

"And behold they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee," Matt. 9:2.

By this time, as the woman was walking along, she heard the noises of the crowd coming her way. As the crowds came nearer she saw Jesus—"surely He can heal me." "While He spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole," Matt. 9:18-22.

Yes, this woman was healed because she believed Jesus was going to heal her. She believed what she had heard about Jesus. Rom. 10:17 tells us how we may have faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 4:21 gives us one of the Bible's definitions of faith. "And being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able also to perform." We must have faith to be healed for God says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him," Heb. 11:6.

It is God's will to heal every sickness. It has always been his will, and it will continue to be his will as long as God permits Satan to afflict peo-

ple. Sickness, as well as sin, is caused by the power of the prince of the air, which is Satan, the devil. Jesus died to give us deliverance from sin, and at the same time Jesus died to heal all of our sicknesses. "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded of our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed," Isa. 53:3-5. Jesus said, in His very own words, "For whether it is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk." Matt. 9:5. Salvation for the soul and healing for the body go hand and hand in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ex. 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ps. 103:2, 3 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." We believe the first part of verse 3; why cannot we believe the latter part of the same verse? It is all God's Word, and every bit equally true. It is just as much God's will to heal and desire that His children be well and happy as it is for us to desire that our own children be healthy and happy. We are sick because we have failed to realize that the devil is the promoter of all sickness, and not God. We are sick because we have failed to believe God can and will heal all our sicknesses. We are sick because we are satisfied to remain sick. As long as we pet and pity our infirmities, we shall have them, but once we become disgusted with them and turn them over to the Lord for deliverance, we shall be healed.

Some believe it is God's will for us to be sick, yet these same people will spend money for medical care to get out of the will of God. If sickness and disease is the will of God, why is God going to destroy all sickness from the earth when He casts Satan into the lake of fire forever? Don't permit the devil to deceive you any longer; turn all your doubts into belief in the healing power of the blood of Jesus Christ. "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

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Missions . . .

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OHIO YOUTH GO OVER TOP FOR MISSIONS

For this past year the district youth conventions in Ohio raised mission money in the amount of \$2,998.43 to build district youth memorial mission churches on the field. The state youth director wrote that he set a goal for each district and selected a mission field on which to build the memorial church. Each district went over the top. God graciously smiled upon their efforts, and they had a wonderful mission service on each district. On two of the districts the youth were confronted with the effects of the steel strike, but God never failed but helped them raise the money.

Listed below are the names of the districts, the mission field selected on which to build a memorial church, the goal, and the amount raised:

District	Mission Field	Goal	Amount Raised
Akron	Haiti	\$150.00	\$264.30
Ashland	Haiti	100.00	125.41
Canton	India	300.00	328.62
Cincinnati	India	225.00	252.05
Cleveland	Jamaica	150.00	322.23
Columbus	Haiti	175.00	267.33
Dayton	India	300.00	325.82
Findlay	Jamaica	225.00	236.00
Hamilton	India	200.00	200.02
Jackson	Haiti	175.00	205.00
Marletta	Haiti	100.00	137.46
Middletown	Jamaica	200.00	238.77
New Boston	Haiti	100.00	105.42

MODERATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA REPORTS ON A RECENT MISSIONARY JOURNEY

It is with great joy that I pen these few lines to you on the completion of my 8,000-mile missionary trip. May your joy increase having knowledge of the performance of the Lord in our Church.

On May 19, I boarded a plane from Upington to Windhoek, Southwest Africa, where I joined Reverend and Sister van der Walt, the newly appointed missionaries for Southwest Africa. We travelled over 800 miles during my 9 days' stay. The Bantu people were very happy to welcome them back (you will remember that we had to call them back for lack of funds). The Church of God ministers of North Carolina have made it possible for their return, contributing \$87.50 per month. Brother van der Walt has a one-ton truck. We had to sleep in God's bedroom, adorned with its magnificent stars every night, but God wonderfully blessed us; many precious souls accepted the Lord every night. Praise His name!

A night which will ever be remembered was the Saturday night at Tsumeb. The compound manager kindly consented to our conducting a meeting in the compound, which he then kindly announced. Before dark he estimated the crowd at over 3,000 Ovambas and Hereros. We showed them a film on the life and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus. When the altar call was extended, well over 500 accepted the Lord Jesus as their per-

sonal Saviour. It surely brought great joy to our hearts, and it was an encouragement to our Brother and Sister van der Walt. At the close of the meeting, one man came forward and asked whether he could speak to me. He told of how an angel of the Lord had appeared to him on Tuesday evening and telling him that the Lord was going to send His servants to tell them more about Jesus. He even had his witness to corroborate his statement. Another one came forward and said: "Sir, the night before last the Lord appeared and told me that His servants would be coming to tell us more about salvation!" He also had his witness, whom he had told before our arrival. A third one came forward and, looking me in the face, said: "Sir, tell me, what must I do? I only want to serve my Jesus." If ever I felt just to stay and carry on meetings, it was then, but other appointments simply compelled me to move on. During my visit there, more than 600 natives accepted Christ. Brother and Sister van der Walt are really missionary-minded workers, and I am sure great things can be expected in that field.

We are now going to build a Lemon, South Dakota, Memorial Church at Tsumeb, which is almost on the border of Angola. We really need to build a mission station, as it is impossible for the brother and sister just to roam about all the time. Please pray that God will give us funds to proceed in the building of the mission station.

From Windhoek, I took a plane back to Upington, where Sister Saayman remained with our dear Brother and Sister J. J. Maree, of Marydale. My wife and Sister Vrey met me at the airport. That evening I conducted a meeting in Upington, leaving the following day for Loeriesfontein. The roads were so bad that I broke the crossmember of my car. There we spent two days with the beloved brethren. We really had good fellowship. They are preparing to break down the old church and to build a new one. God bless them in their endeavors to labor for the Lord. Brother Nell is the elder in charge.

Then we went on to Klaver, where we had a most pleasant time with Brother and Sister Adriaanse. The following day we went to Vredendal, where we had a two days' meeting. They have called Pastor and Sister Nell of Kimberley to take over the assembly. Brother Roux, the local worker, is in charge, assisted by Brother Van Lille. We should pray for them.

On June 2 we went on to Cape Town and stayed with Pastor and Sister Orr Van Heerden, the superintendent, for 17 days. We certainly enjoyed the sweet and blessed fellowship of these dear children of God.

The first week, I conducted meetings in Woodstock, Lansdowne, Brooklyn, and, the Sunday night, in Parow

with Reverend Badenhorst, where we had a most wonderful meeting. Many surrendered to the Lord and backslidden people were reclaimed. Brother Badenhorst certainly has a very fine work, and he is doing much for God. On account of ill health he could not continue as superintendent. Soon after, I had a meeting with the colored people. They accepted the constitution with only one minor change. Brother Badenhorst was with me in that meeting. I am thankful to him for the able way in which he assisted. We counselled the colored brethren, resulting in the election of Brother Rezant as their superintendent, Brother W. de Klerk as assistant superintendent, and Brother De Vos as secretary. Every night we had the hall packed. Sometimes up to 800 were there to listen to the gospel. I surely fell in love with the colored work, they estimated the converts at over 150 for the 8 meetings. Outstanding healings took place: deaf ears were opened; a broken arm was healed almost instantaneously; ruptures disappeared. My, my the Lord was wonderfully present!

On their arrival at Cape Town on the "Pretoria Castle," we met Reverend and Sister James Linwood Slay. He conducted a one week's meeting in the Woodstock church, which was packed to more than capacity. He has an outstanding ministry and is a great preacher. He was sent out by the Church of God to evangelize for two years in our churches. We want to say: "Welcome, Brother and Sister Slay and boys!" We are praying that their stay in South Africa will be a happy one, and that many souls will be saved through his ministry.

On June 19 our daughter Petro arrived from the United States, where she studied Child Psychology and Child Evangelism at both Lee College and Central Bible Institute. She has, therefore, obtained knowledge of these courses in both colleges. At present she will accompany her dad while visiting and building our Sunday Schools and lecturing our Sunday School teachers where she is invited. My prayer is that God will use her in a mighty way, and that she will be a blessing to the young.

We left Cape Town on the 20th, visiting and preaching at Stanford, where Brother du Toit is holding the fort. I am sure God has His hand on his life. From there we went to Bonnievale, where Brother Groves is doing a splendid work; then to Heidelberg, where Brother Miller is holding the fort until a suitable full-time man will take over.

We spent one night in George, with Brother and Sister Roux, and one night in Knysna, with Brother and Sister Swart. From there we proceeded to Port Elizabeth. Here Brother Slay conducted meetings from Wednesday until Sunday, with very good results. The attendance was really good. Brother Barry Prinsloo, the superintendent, and I went to King Williamstown, where we had a good meeting with Pastor and Sister Stevens, and some other people from East London came over. We also went to Respatch, where Brother and Sister

Botha are doing a splendid work for God. Sunday I spent with the Sidwell Assembly, who is without a pastor at present, as Sister Fourie accepted a call to Edenvale. We had good meetings. Pray that God will send the right man to take over this church.

Monday morning at 5:00 a. m. we left for Krugersdorp. The roads between Port Elizabeth and Graaf Reinet were rough. A stone pierced a hole in my petrol tank. I lost all the petrol, and the car stopped 9 miles out of town. A farmer took me to town. I had the tank repaired and refilled and was off again. We arrived at Kroonstad at 6 p. m., where Brother and Sister Hudson had prepared a most delicious meal. I arrived home around 10:15 p. m.

We could not stay for long, as Pastor Schutte, the superintendent for the Transvaal, had arranged for us to go to Barberton for a native district council meeting, and then on to Swaziland and Portuguese East Africa. We took Reverend Slay with us as we had to break him in to do missionary work as well. The first night we slept in a native hut, in a native church the second night, under a tree the third night, and under the starry heavens the fourth night. We met our church members in Portuguese East Africa but were refused permission by the Portuguese authorities to have a meeting with them. Pray that God will open the way for us to receive recognition, and that we may be able to do missionary work there.

We have such splendid men and women in that territory; we must have over 4,000 members in Portuguese East Africa. One of our Bantu brethren, we were told, could not read, so he fasted and prayed. One night he could not sleep, so he decided to pray through. By 4 a. m. the Holy Spirit told him to open his Bible and

read. Dubiously he opened and was surprised to find that he could read and understand the Bible. Is it not wonderful! Yes, with God all things are possible. Brother Joubert took us in his van. He certainly is an ardent worker for God. May God bless him for his labors of love to win the less-privileged for God.

On our way back we had a meeting with Pastor Maier at Nelspruit, he being the superintendent of the Eastern Transvaal. We also met Pastor and Sister Cordier at Standerton, busy with a campaign there.

Brother du Plooy reports that he has taken 700 into the church since January; Brother Schutte reports 600.

Hats off to Brother Anderson and the Springs Assembly who gave \$560 missionary offering for June! God bless them.

Brother S. P. Schutte has left for the United States, and his able little wife is taking charge in his absence. He will be surprised to learn that the Boksburg Assembly has given \$168 to missions for June! Congratulations, Boksburg! May the whole church be inspired with a missionary zeal.

The Orange Free State has opened another new and most beautiful church at Viljoenskroon—the third church built by Brother and Sister Hudson in one year. That is something worth raving about, which is an American expression.

Onward we move with great zeal and courage to do the work of our Master. The year 1952 must be a red-letter year in the history of our Church. The next report will include details of a church which was taken in consisting of 8,739 members.—J. H. Saayman.

P. S. THE SLAYS' HOME ADDRESS: J. L. SLAY, 69 VAN WYK STREET, KRUGERSDORP.

God to go to in time of need and trouble and who always cares and undertakes for us.—Mrs. M. F. Robinson.

WAGAR, Ala.—Recently my mother was taken very ill. Her lips had turned blue, and she could only whisper a prayer between gasps for breath, for her body was racked with pain. My sister and I were the only people in the room with her. My sister, who is a member of the Church of God, was praying, while I, with my sinful heart, stood helplessly crying and wringing my hands. Mother said to me, "Pray for me. Prayer is the answer; you are not helpless if God is by your side." I wondered if God would hear me, since I had waited until death was about to snatch my darling mother before praying. I humbly knelt before God with a sincere, broken heart, and prayed until I knew God heard. Then Mother said, "I'm healed." That was the happiest moment of my life, and I am so thankful to God for healing mother, and rescuing me from sin.—Jacqueline Keith.

LOXLEY, Ala.—Sometime ago I wrote to you for prayer for our son who was in Japan and had been in Korea. We thank all who prayed for him, for he is now safely at home.

However, he is not a Christian, so we ask you to continue to remember him in prayer. We give God all the praise for bringing him home safely.—Mrs. J. O. Bozeman.

TRENTON, Ga.—I do praise God for His great healing power. For 37 years I had suffered with gall bladder trouble. One day I stepped out on the promises of God, and while I was raking the yard, the healing power of the Lord Jesus touched me, and I was healed. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. Lucy Snyder.

RAYVILLE, La.—While I was at the closing exercises of Lee College I began to have fever and severe headaches, and for about 5 nights I could not sleep. On the return trip we stopped at Brother Timmie Whittington's home; while there he and Brother C. E. Swenson prayed for me. God definitely touched my body and before we had driven many miles I was sleeping. I have not had a pain in my head since that prayer. Also, a growth under my arm has not pained me but once since and it seems to be getting smaller. Continue to pray for me.—Dovie Coats, Route 4, Box 477.

HICKMAN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost, and for keeping my little son and me in His care. We live alone, and yet we are not alone, for God has been with us. My son, Shannon, was only two years old when my husband was lost in the Atlantic in a hurricane. He was in the Navy, assigned to the USS Warrington Destroyer. If there is anyone who had a husband or son that was on the ship, I'd be so glad to hear from them. God has been with us through the dark days, and is still keeping us with His great power. I teach Sunday School and enjoy my work very much. I should like for every child of God to remember me in prayer.—Mrs. Theron Williams, Route 1.

CLOVIS, Calif.—One day my little girl came home from school completely blind. Her father and I really cried to the Lord, and He graciously restored her sight. A day or so later she blacked out again. The church prayed for her, and again she could see. I took her to the doctor, and he said there was no cure for her, but she needed glasses very badly. I made the appointment for the glasses, but several weeks later, when we returned to fill the appointment, after testing her eyes more extensively than usual, he said, "This girl doesn't need glasses." We came home praising and thanking God for His wonderful blessings. I enjoy every bit of the EVANGEL, and don't see how we could be without it.—Mrs. C. M. Hughes.

BAUXITE, Ark.—A few weeks ago my little boy got poison ivy all over his hands, face, stomach, and legs. I was told he would have to have shots for it, but the Lord wonderfully healed him. God also healed my husband of appendicitis, and we do praise Him for His precious healing power.—Mrs. R. A. Garner.

Testimonies . . .

KOREA—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I'm glad I can say I am a Christian, a child of the King; although I am here in Korea, many, many miles from home, I still have old-time religion in my soul. I've been doing some personal work here whenever I get a chance, and God is really blessing me. I am on two battlefields, one for my Lord and the other for my country. I am a mission worker in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Roxboro, N. C., and my mother is a member of the Church of God there. She sends me the EVANGEL each week, and I enjoy it very much. I ask that each Christian pray for me that the Lord will take care of me while here in Korea and take me home safely. I should appreciate letters. May God bless all who read this. I love everybody.—A brother in Christ, Pfc. Cecil G. Boates, OS-53080440, 14th Inf. Regt., Co. "A," A.P.O. 25, San Francisco, Calif.

BASHI, Ala.—Not long ago my little boy got his head cut very badly. The blood ran down his face. We began calling on the Lord, and it stopped bleeding. We thank God, for he is well today. I am glad that we have a great

CALL TO ARMS

D. M. PANTON

"Put on the whole armour of God"
(Eph. 6:11).

*"The fight is on, O Christian soldier,
and face to face in stern array,
With armour gleaming, and colors
streaming,
The right and wrong engage today.
The fight is on, but be not weary; be
strong and in His might hold fast.
If God be for us, His banner o'er us,
We'll sing the victor's song at last."*

War today is won by "mechanized troops"; that is, masses of soldiery made irresistible by the weight of armour—tanks, planes, fire from the skies. Beyond all past experience, armour can now be met only by armour; the *man* is not enough—he must be armed in every limb if he is to stand unconquered. So Paul says with passionate insistence: "Put on the whole armour"—the entire armour—"of God" (Eph. 6:11); and twice the command is given, and twice the object stated—"Take unto you the whole armour; the *man* is not enough—he to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." An unarmed soldiery is a mob, not an army; it is bound to fall; it is food for massacre.

Our Armour

Our armour, as disciples of Christ, is carefully defined. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" (2 Cor. 10:4). So far from having fleshly weapons, Paul was actually in chains—a prisoner chained to a soldier—when he wrote this appeal was in the center of the battle, clad in the whole armour of God.

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against... spiritual wickedness in high places." Our supreme foe is an air force, hovering literally in the heavens, not merely occasional evil spirits. Paul's words imply bands, hosts, armies; Satan's angels are "world rulers" of "this darkness"—"spiritual hosts of wickedness, in the heavenly places." And the armour which Paul defines is not for massed troops—such armour as tanks or machine-guns—it is armour for each

believer, not armour for the Church. Each one of us can face hell alone, and be a complete conqueror.

The Girdle

In our age, simply black with lies—broken contracts, studied deceits, falsehood on principle—our first weapon is a thrilling proof of heaven. "Stand therefore"—three times we are commanded to hold our ground, to stand immovable—"having your loins girt about with truth." The girt loins is the braced personality, and the whole being of the regenerate man is to stand for truth.

Do not so much embrace the truth as let the truth embrace you. Be encased in the truth; live in the truth; live within the covers of the Book; we are to be men wrapped up in the truth. Christ said, "I am... the truth," and we are in Christ, so the first thing to do is to take our stand definitely within the circle of revealed truth; braced and girded by truth, we stand. Error produces looseness and laxness; if truth is wanting, everything is wanting. Our first arming is a conscious and wholehearted stand taken upon the revealed truth of Holy Scripture.

The Breastplate

Our second weapon is a covering for the heart. "Having on the breastplate of righteousness." Here again is struck a deep chord of heaven. A soldier without a breastplate is naked and exposed to attack at the most vital point. The breastplate, generally made of plates of horn, or metal scales, or bronze, guards the heart; the righteousness of Christ covers the once vile heart.

I expose to Satan, not my bare breast, but the very righteousness of God Himself, the perfect life of Christ imputed to me once for all; and not one taunt at my old crime and guilt can ever pierce that divine breastplate. One likes to think of it as a double breastplate; inwardly guarding the body's most vital part forever, the heart, the imputed righteousness of Christ; outwardly, where men can see it, the active righteousness of a godly life.

The Sandals

The third piece of armour is for our walk. "Your feet shod with the preparation"—the preparedness, the promptitude, the alacrity, the swiftness—"of the gospel of peace." Here is a remarkable hint of military tactics. One of the priceless strategems in war is initiative, the forcing an enemy to act on the defensive. An advancing army is nearly always a winning army.

So we also are to seize the initiative, be swift with the gospel, for delivering the prisoners of war cooped up behind the enemy's lines. Swiftness of attack is a priceless weapon. All the time, if we should stand we must be propagating the truth, pressing the gospel, scattering the Word, saving and sanctifying.

These sandals are to take us round the world. We stand upon the gospel; it steadies and keeps us from all fear and flutter; and perhaps we are never so safe as when our chief concern is the safety of others.

The Shield

The fourth piece of armour is to cover the person at any point. "Withal"—in addition to all, for a protection over all—"taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Satan's fiery darts refer to an ancient missile, hammer-shaped, and thrown by hand, combustible at the head—bombs in modern warfare; doubts, lusts, angers, fears, errors, hatreds, unbeliefs, despairs; all the myriad evil suggestions falling on us, combustible material hurled at us by Satan as incendiary bombs, or as poison gas.

For the "wiles" of the devil—the rush of a sudden ambushade—God supplies an impenetrable bomb shelter. The word implies a shield "like a door," four feet by two-and-a-half, which, by quick action, could cover any threatened part of the body. You notice how a shield is used: it is used to protect the person anywhere. Satan attacked Christ by three recorded temptations—one leveled at the body, one at the soul, and one at the spirit. And our Lord plants the shield ex-

actly where needed: "Satan, it is written, it is written, it is written." It is our belief in the Holy Scripture, interposed just where the attack is: not only the faith as a whole, but the special truth for the occasion. The shield of the faith once for all delivered is to be flashed wherever the person is threatened.

The Helmet

The next weapon guards the mind: "And take the helmet of salvation." Steel helmets are once more freely used in war; and salvation, the assurance of ultimate safety, is to be our helmet, also. Assurance is the armour of the mind; the helmet binds the forehead, the seat of the mind, so the helmeted soldier sees everything through the Scriptures of salvation, which forever rise before his mental vision. Assurance of salvation garrisons the mind, balances the judgment, and puts the whole undivided and undisturbed intellect at the disposal of Christ.

The Sword

Our one offensive weapon, the only sword ever put into our hands by the Holy Ghost, comes next. "Take... the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The Bible is the Sword with which we cleave the ranks of the foe, for it is scripture, and scripture alone, which exposes error, pierces hypocrisy, unmask hearts, and routs Satan. "The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, ... and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

We do not argue with Satan; we quote Scripture. Our Lord's quotations from Scripture alone, without a single argument, were Satan's complete defeat in the wilderness. Satan's hosts are bent on the death of all mankind. The Word of God—and it alone—regenerates the dead; therefore, it is the one mighty weapon which turns the whole battle from defeat to victory. Every soul that doubts Scripture has had his sword wrested out of his hand, and is powerless in the day of battle. "All scripture is given... that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17), and armed from head to foot.

Keeping Communications Open

Our last weapon is wireless communication with the home base. "Pray

ing always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints": every kind of prayer, constant prayer, undoubting prayer, each of us praying for all. In the first Great War a field telegraphist was put out of action by a shrapnel bullet and was unable to aid the comparatively small force that held the advanced position behind which he lay.

There was imminent prospect that the defenders would be annihilated; but the telegraphist crawled painfully half a mile to the rear, where he was able to tap a cut wire and send rapidly along it appeal after appeal for instant help. It came; reinforcements were rushed up and disaster averted. Get in touch with God and you command His invincible legions.

Now we see our critical need. This whole armour of God must be put on, if we are to stand in the evil day: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand"; and if we put on all, we shall stand; "Having done all"—having done your all, having put it all on—"to stand." No armour is provided for the back—the soldier who flees is shot, either by

the enemy or by his own commanding officer.

True believers (though not true overcomers), are falling on every hand. All sin is defeat; it is impossible to stand without utilizing God's provisions for standing. "Put on the whole armour," for every part of us needs to be protected, and Satan assaults every portion of our nature, and if we leave any part exposed, Satan finds it, just as Achilles was said to be vulnerable only in his heel, and there he was killed. "Nothing is done," said Napoleon, "if anything is left undone." But if we keep all this armour steadily between us and the foe, including the prayer weapon, our stand in the fiercest battle shock is certain, and the Overcomer will have won the most wonderful victory of the ages. Napoleon's words are true of our war: "A field marshal's baton slumbers in every soldier's knapsack." Ours also is a war of attrition. He who stands, wins; by standing firm we conquer; and "him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God" (Rev. 3:12). Immovability in battle will be rewarded with immovability in Glory.—*Herald of His Coming*.

COVER PICTURE

Church of God at Marion, Ill., Progressing

In October, 1950, Rev. Wayne Proctor felt led by the Lord to come to Marion and start a church. At that time it was impossible to find a building in which to have services. Houses, also, were hard to find, but the Lord was with the Proctors, and they were able to rent a house with a double garage.

Some of the ministers in the State at that time; namely, our state overseer, James L. Slay; state youth director, Tom Rosson; James Stephens and N. A. Jordan, worked with Brother Proctor, Brother Hammers, and Brother Willie Wallace in making a concrete floor in the garage so we could have services there. One family gave a piano and a heating stove to the church.

On November 5, 1950, Rev. N. A. Jordan, the district pastor, set the church in order with 12 members. That was a blessed day for the people who had longed for a Church of God in Marion. Our congregation wasn't always large, but we had love, unity, and the presence of the Lord in our services. One Sunday in May of last year, we had only 29 in Sunday School, but we raised almost \$400. The following Friday night, Rev. V. B. Rains and others of Eldorado visited our Y.P.E. service, and at the close of that service we raised almost \$80. I have never seen people so willing to

give as they were in those two services. It was wonderful the way Jesus undertook for us. With the money we raised in our church, and the money that the State was so good to give to us, we were able to make the down payment on the lot, which included the house and church. That meant a 5-room parsonage with a full basement. We have been told that we have one of the most beautiful parsonages in the State.

Last fall we expanded our church and put a brick front on it. We are now planning to expand some more for our Sunday School, for June 22 we had 121 in Sunday School. We are happy to give the Lord all the praise for what has been accomplished here in Marion. We are thankful for a young couple like Brother and Sister Proctor, who will sacrifice in order to tell others about Jesus.—*Church Reporter*.

SPECIAL!

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

Mounting interest in National Sunday School Week points toward a record number of schools participating in the observance this year. The date is September 14-21. Contact National Youth Director, Cleveland, Tenn., for information.

ARMY CHAPLAINS AWARDED BRONZE STARS

The Office Chief of Army Chaplains today announced the following awards to Army Chaplains:

Bronze Star Medal: Chaplain (Captain) Luther B. Saltzgeber (Lutheran); Chaplain (Captain) Kenneth G. Irwin (Presbyterian); Chaplain (Major) Oliver E. Porter (Methodist, Free); Chaplain (Major) Thomas C. Koch (Roman Catholic); Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Ralph M. Reed (Methodist); Chaplain (Captain) William P. Barrett (Protestant Episcopal); Chaplain (Captain) Jacob W. Beck (Presbyterian, U.S.A.); Chaplain (Major) Ray D. Seals (Methodist); Chaplain (Captain) John A. Troxler (Presbyterian); and Chaplain (Major) Willard B. Smith (Methodist).

Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star: Chaplain (Captain) James B. Allan (Congregational Christian). Chaplain Porter also received an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Bronze Star.

German Synod Challenges Niemöller's Office

RENDSBURG, Germany.—The Schleswig-Holstein Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany has officially challenged the Rev. Martin Niemöller as foreign secretary of the Church. The synod voted to approach the council of the Evangelical Church in Germany with a request to "clarify whether the Council can justify any longer the retaining of Church president Martin Niemöller as head of the Church's foreign office." The action was preceded by a thorough discussion of the Church's foreign affairs, initiated by Dr. Hans Asmussen's denunciation of Niemöller's policy, but was qualified with the statement, "There is no intention to deny Pastor Niemöller private freedom of speech in political matters." Dr. Asmussen, provost of Kiel, and member of the Schleswig-Holstein Synod, recently resigned from the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order, and aroused world-wide attention with a warning that "The Churches of the entire world are fatally endangered inwardly to agree with Communism," and bluntly accusing Pastor Niemöller of "creating a state of affairs (by his recent trip to Russia) destructive to the Holy Church, my people and all of mankind." It was revealed also that the conflict in Germany concerning Niemöller has been growing over a period of time. The resolution of the Schleswig-Holstein Synod is understood to be the first official move of a German church body toward a solution of the crisis.

Another Search for Noah's Ark

A recent dispatch from Reuters states that six French explorers will leave Paris immediately to look for traces of Noah's ark on Mt. Ararat, legendary resting place of the ark after the great Biblical flood subsided. Jean de Riquier, arctic explorer, will lead the expedition. They will carry American equipment capable of determining the age of wood. Two cameramen will be along to make photographic record of the ark if it is found.

A Russian aviator in 1916 reported that he saw on Ararat a vessel similar to that described in the Bible. In 1948 peasants also reported they had climbed the mountain and seen the remains. Ararat is a 17,000-foot peak, highest in the Caucasus, located close at the junction of Russian, Iranian, and Turkish borders. In 1949, Dr. Aaron J. Smith, dean of the People's Bible School, at Greensboro, N. C., tried for 15 days to find the ark, but was thwarted by the Russian Government's opposition to the search, as have been other similar expeditions. Russia views the expeditions as spying efforts on her territories and protests to the Turkish Government to prevent their climbing the mountain. The ark is considered to be on the southwestern flank of the mountain in Turkish territory. Dr. Smith believes Noah and his animals left the ark on Mt. Ararat, and it may have been preserved by being partially buried in ice or snow. Since the wood used, according to the Bible account, was similar to our cypress wood, it is thought possible some parts of the structure might have endured this long.

Long Fast Ends in Death

CHERRYVILLE, Missouri.—For 51 days, the Rev. Jesse J. Ivie, a traveling Ozarks evangelist, fasted in his cottage at Cherryville, Mo., hoping that his sacrifice would bring him a special sign from God. He refused to see doctors, would not be dissuaded from his fast by the pleas of his own churchmen of the Southern Missouri District of the Assemblies of God, and grew slowly weaker. "If the Lord wants me to die," he said, "I'm ready to go." Surrounded by his praying family, Evangelist Ivie died. Assemblies officials declared that it is not the belief nor the practice of the Pentecostal organization to engage in long fasts.

In a move to speed the recruiting of chaplains, the U. S. Army has announced that applications for appointment as chaplain in the Army Reserve may now be sent directly to the office of the chief of Chaplains, instead of through local recruiting offices.

To Fight Communism With Bibles

BERNE, Indiana.—The printing of 1 million Bibles in the Russian language was begun at the Economy Printing Company of Berne, May 26, as a part of the plan of the Russian Bible Society to place Bibles behind

the Iron Curtain as the most effective means of fighting Communism. At a signal given by the Rev. Basil A. Malof, president of the Russian Bible Society, the presses were started on the Bible run, while representatives of the Gideons International, and local churches looked on. These Bibles will be the first of their kind to be produced entirely on American soil, Rev. Malof declared. Russian Bibles have been printed in Russia in the past, but because of the refusal of the Kremlin to grant paper for such books, such printing is impossible now. It is expected that the Bibles will be smuggled into Russia by some of the ardent evangelical Christians in countries along the Russian border. It is known that the Russian people themselves are hungry for the Word of God and will read it if copies are made available to them.

Fisher Boat Refugees Permitted to Stay

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President has signed a bill bringing to an end years of anxious waiting for Estonian and Latvian refugees who fled from Russian occupation and braved the ocean in tiny fishing vessels to reach America. Since arriving here they have been threatened with deportation for three years, since they were without proper visas. The bill removes the threat by making these Baltic refugees eligible to apply for admission under the terms of the Displaced Persons Act. The refugees fled Communist oppression in Estonia and Latvia, arriving in America in several groups during 1948 and 1949. They have been paroled to welfare organizations and permitted to find employment pending congressional action on private bills to permit their permanent residence in the United States. For several years the bills introduced in their behalf have been shelved, and last August the Senate Judiciary Committee reported that consideration of the matter had been indefinitely postponed. This almost caused their automatic deportation, but the bill finally passed has removed this threat, and they may now enter into American life as normal immigrants.

Association for Blind to Convene

NEW YORK CITY.—The American Association of Workers for the Blind held its 26th annual convention of representatives of organizations in the United States and Canada concerned with the welfare of the blind, at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, from June 29 to July 4. Members came from all parts of the United States and Canada. The American Printing House for the Blind acted as host to the delegates. The program included both morning and afternoon sessions, and during the meetings the 1952 annual Shotwell Memorial Award presented to Colonel E. A. Baker, M.C., O.B.E. managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a distinguished blinded Canadian of World War I, who has rendered long and outstanding service in the cause of the blind in Canada and over the world.

INTERESTING REPORTS

OKLAHOMA'S REPORT FOR THREE YEARS AND TEN MONTHS

Here is a general report of the work in the State of Oklahoma for the past 3 years and 10 months. This report is taken from the pastoral reports sent in to the state office each month.

First, we give a check-up on the new church buildings. We have built from the ground up 9 new churches. These church buildings stand as a monument to the progressiveness of the pastors and the laity of these various churches. We have 2 churches



Rev. C. J. Hindmon
Present State Overseer of Pa.

now under construction. Others are making definite plans to start very soon on new church buildings.

We have 18 churches which have remodeled and rebuilt, and a number of these have added on to their building such as Sunday School rooms, etc. Quite a number have installed new pews, new pianos, etc. Lawton purchased a building on an adjoining lot to their building at a cost of \$5,250.

We have bought, remodeled and converted 5 other buildings into church houses. We have purchased a number of nice building sites. On one of these we now have the state portable tabernacle, which we built at a cost of less than a \$1,000, with free labor.

Now for a check-up on the parsonages. We have bought or built 7 new parsonages and many of the others have been remodeled inside and out. Also, new furniture has been added to many of them.

We did a lot of painting and some remodeling of the state tabernacle, plus adding a new kitchen thoroughly equipped, also new hot and cold showers.

The total value of state property, and this means only the campground and state headquarters, is \$60,200. The total value of church buildings and parsonages is \$74,300 in this state. Adding the state headquarters property and the other property through-

out the State gives us a grand total of \$134,500.

We raised a total amount of \$3,049 for district missions. For state missions we have already sent to General Headquarters \$2,785.87. We will have about \$3,000 when all of the pledges come in. This report on district and state missions is for this year only. For the Orphanage we have sent in, from district and state offerings, \$831.13. We are going to be just a little short of our \$1.00 per member for Lee College. Two or 3 of the small churches failed to raise their full amount. However, I think we will have approximately \$1,500. We should raise \$1,549 to be 100 per cent over the top.

Now, we let you look in on 3 years and 10 months of evangelistic effort in Oklahoma, and this is according to our ministers' reports to the state office each month. Our ministers have visited 62,494 homes, preached 22,126 sermons, had 3,818 souls converted, 1,605 sanctified, 1,200 baptized with the Holy Ghost, baptized 783 in water, and added 1,251 to the Church. Right here is where the song we are singing gets sad. Out of this gross number of 1,251 we lost from our roll 735. This leaves us a net gain of 516 members. —C. J. Hindmon, former State Overseer of Oklahoma.

SOUTH ALABAMA

The first camp meeting to be held in South Alabama convened June 16-22, at the Crichton church (large tabernacle) in Mobile, Alabama. The bringing of an annual camp meeting to this section of the state must be counted high on the list of the many fine features resulting from the division of the state. Many of the lay members in the southernmost part of the state had never been privileged to attend the camp meeting in Birmingham. Of course, the camp meeting held special significance for them, too. The many others who had been fortunate enough to attend the annual state-wide meeting were thankful to God that a great meeting of this type had been brought right to their "front door."

Upon arrival, just a glance around and you were convinced that our camp meeting had caught the "camp meeting spirit." It was gratifying to watch the unreserved greetings, see the gleaming, spontaneous smiles, and feel the very presence of the goodness of God among His people. To worship God and enjoy the fellowship of His people seemed to be the sole aim of everyone.

The crowd for the evening service was about all our building could accommodate. The day attendance was exceptionally good, also. Almost every minister in this territory was present for at least a part of this great spiritual feast.

Our overseer, Brother H. T. Statum, is to be commended for an efficiently arranged program. His timely remarks and untiring zeal, as moder-

ator, were admired by all.

Those on the music committee are to be thanked for a job well done. The choir sang as only a Spirit-filled choir can. They let the joys of heaven meet with their sanctified hearts. There was shouting and rejoicing that came from people who had not wasted their emotions on the things of this world. The many quartet and trio numbers will echo and re-echo in our minds for many days to come.

The morning services began at 9:30 a. m., and the afternoon services at 2:30 p. m. In these services there was singing, testifying, praying, and preaching. Many enjoyed the blessings of God in these day services. This schedule permitted a Bible lecture and two inspiring messages. Brother A. L. Reed, pastor of Loxley Church, was the Bible teacher for the morning Bible study. His lectures on the old landmarks of Church of God doctrine were given in a very able manner. We were proud of our South Alabama preachers who did most of the day preaching. Their messages lifted our hearts and stirred us to do more for God than ever before.

Of course, the real heart of the camp meeting was the evangelistic services each night. After a fine devotion, with much of the good singing mentioned above, our night speaker, Brother V. B. Rains, pastor of the East Chattanooga, Tenn. Church, delivered the Word with "demonstration of the Spirit and power." His ministry was a great blessing to Christians, as well as a help to the unsaved. Souls filled the altar each night and earnestly sought the Lord.

Our camp meeting was greatly enriched by many visiting ministers. We were fortunate to have with us Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, our Assistant General Overseer; Rev. J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary; Rev. Leonard R. Carroll, President-elect of Lee College; Rev. H. D. Williams, overseer of North Alabama. Each of these brethren brought news of their respective fields of labor. Their timely messages will not be soon forgotten by our South Alabama people. Also, several of our North Alabama brethren came down to be with us.

The youth of South Alabama are to be praised for making our Youth Day a tremendous success. I am sure they will look forward each year to their day at the camp meeting. A youth-centered program was climaxed with a youth march up Springhill Avenue to the Crichton church. Our youth congress and march were welcomed and praised by Mayor Mitternight of the City of Mobile. Yes, our Youth Day was everything for which we had prayed and hoped. May God continue to add to our strength and bless our youth in South Alabama.

The Crichton Church, its entire membership, and its pastor, Brother Fred Jernigan, were splendid hosts. Their hospitality was unlimited. The entire entertainment committee, ministerial examination board, watchman and ushers, every cafeteria worker, all deserve a hearty praise for smooth operations in helping to make South Alabama's first camp meeting a great camp meeting!—Clarence Busby, from South Alabama Informer.

COLORADO AND UTAH CAMP MEETING

The Colorado and Utah camp meeting convened July 15, under the management of Rev. W. J. Cothorn, the state overseer.

Rev. W. E. Dowdy, was our night speaker, and many said he did some of the best preaching they ever heard. The power of God fell from the very first service, and then in every service until the last "Amen" was said.

We were privileged to have Rev. Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary-Treasurer, with us the first 3 days. He was a real blessing to the camp meeting. Also, Sister Morehead added to the spirit of the camp meeting with her presence, fine singing and playing the piano, working at the altar, and anything she was called on to do. The people surely fell in love with her as a Christian and a minister's wife.

Sister Dowdy and the boys came along with Brother Dowdy, and I think the good people of the Valley were in a notion of just keeping them, as they were a great blessing to the camp meeting. It looked as though they could not miss any service, from the early morning until the last service at night; in fact, I don't believe Brother Dowdy missed one service while he was here.

We were blessed by having our National Youth Director with us. He arrived on Sunday morning, by plane, and though he was tired and just about sick, one would not know it by the fine spirit in which he came and the good messages he brought. The people of the West thought he was one as fine young men as they ever met, and they want him to visit them again as soon as he can.

If there were no mistake made, 25 were saved, 23 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water (2 since, making 9), 6 added to the church. The state youth leader of Kansas, Sister Horst, also Brother Marks of Coffeyville, Kans., added to the camp meeting with their fine work in the music and altar work. Sister Horst did a fine job with the young people's services, and there was a place found in the young people's hearts for her that they won't forget soon.

The good people of the City and Valley opened up their homes and furnished our people a place to stay without charge. Some who did not belong to the Church kept as many as 10 and 12 and would not take any pay. We thank God for such people.

At the peak of the camp meeting we fed 200 or more at a time, in the campground restaurant, without charge, but God supplied everything we needed. We did not have to ask for one dime. The people just gave, in money, fruit, and groceries, and everybody was happy, for all the needs were supplied.—Camp Meeting Reporter.

Pennsylvania Has Greatest Camp Meeting in History of Church of God 53 Receive Holy Ghost Baptism

The grounds had been brightened up with loving care until they seemed more beautiful than ever. By Saturday people had begun arriving in

preparation for this great feast. Trailers were appearing in the grove, and dormitories and cabins were scenes of activity. By Monday night tents had been erected and cars covered the place, bringing expectant hearts, eager for the first song that marked the beginning of this camp meeting. New cabins dotted the hillside, and the old tabernacle looked as if its chest was stuck out with its new addition. It was also wearing a new paint job that made it beam with a look of freshness.

The largest opening crowd to ever assemble in the tabernacle began to lift their voices in songs of praise and adoration. The anticipated moment had arrived, and how hearts were thrilled. Prayers of the saints mounted heavenward, and the blessings of God came in copious showers. To me it seemed as if there had never been a more sincere and earnest group of people than the members and friends who had gathered to adore the Maker of all mankind.

Brother C. R. Spain, overseer of Indiana, was our night evangelist, and night after night he thrilled our hearts with his messages of love and admonition. Hungry hearts filled the altar seeking God. I am sure the soul-searching messages will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear him.

The outstanding feature of this camp was the deep spiritual interest manifested by everyone. Brother Spain called for some volunteers to fast and pray for the success of the altar services. Two nights the power of God swept the tabernacle in waves of glory and people literally ran to

the altar. In one night's service 16 received the Holy Ghost, and the total count was 53 people gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost.

We were privileged to have with us our Assistant General Overseer, Zeno C. Tharp. He spoke for us twice, giving us information that will bless us in days to come. Our National Youth Director, Lewis J. Willis, thrilled our hearts on youth day with an outstanding message and challenge to all believers.

The opinion of many after this 10 days of good things from the Lord, is that we shall have to make another addition to the tabernacle next year to accommodate the people. Several nights we could not begin to seat the people. We are anxiously looking forward to the camp meeting next year, and, if Jesus tarries, I expect we shall have larger crowds and a larger tabernacle.—From state paper.

Belle Glade, Fla., Building Sunday School Department

Belle Glade, Fla., reports progress is being made in building a Sunday School department. Since camp meeting the foundation has been laid and paid for. Sister Kirkland, our Y.P.E. president, gave a plan to the Y.P.E. to raise money for blocks. In one week they brought in \$155 and are still working. Sister Kirkland is doing a good job, and the Y.P.E. is making good progress under her leadership. We should also like to give a note of praise for our Junior W.W.B. which was organized 14 months ago by Sister Heaston. The church was greatly

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NEW PARSONAGE FOR COLUMBUS, GEORGIA



This is the new parsonage that we have recently purchased for the 27th Street Church of God in Columbus, Ga. When we came here 4 years ago, we began to pray that God would open up the way for us to buy this property, as it seemed that we were hedged in and could not expand in our building program. God has heard our prayers, and now we have the land to build as many Sunday School rooms as we need.—M. B. Norris, Pastor.

Pittsburg, Kansas, Completes New Building



In the year of 1924, Rev. Wilma Artis on 22d Street, in the city of Pittsburg, Kansas, organized the Church of God in a frame building not completed inside. Later the church bought the present location and built another frame tabernacle. This building had no windows, floor or ceiling. The gable on each end was open. However, from this, the Pittsburg Church of God has marched and fought the battles, until now they have a nice building in which to worship.

The picture well explains the outside of the building and the attendance on the day of dedication. The new building has a new auditorium, five Sunday School rooms, and a pastor's study. It is modern, with two

rest rooms and a gas furnace with automatic controls. The walls are finished with knotty pine and new wood. The floors are finished with hardwood. It is a great building, built by a great people. The pastor's study is the best we have ever seen. The pastor, Rev. B. M. Woolwine, with the men of the church, worked hard to build this building. Most all of the work on the building was done by the pastor and the men of the church.

The building committee, which, with the pastor, planned the building, was composed of the following: W. R. Bolte, Grover Johnson, William Case, Lawrence Lair, and O. A. Mead. The dedicatory service was a great service. Rev. J. R. Berry, a former

pastor, and Rev. Glyndon Logsdon were the morning speakers. Rev. W. E. Dowdy, overseer of Kansas, gave the dedication in the afternoon service. Following the sermon, a nice dedicatory offering was received for the building. Other visitors were: Rev. W. F. Hurley, Rev. Clara Jenks, Rev. C. A. Starkes, Rev. Edna Horst, Rev. R. C. Benz, and Rev. J. E. Marks. From all of the churches of these pastors, some of their people were present.

It was truly a great day for all of the church people of Pittsburg, because they have built a house to worship the God whom they love and serve. It is a monument to stand for the ministry of the pastor and labor of the people.

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surprised when they presented to them a beautiful Communion set and bread tray. They also presented \$25 to the building fund for blocks. We have had a 2 nights' meeting, with Bobby McNatt, 9 year-old preacher, and his parents. The house was full both nights, and the altar filled with sinners each night. Eight testified to salvation. We wish they could have stayed longer. Pray for us.—A. R. Heaston, Pastor.

REVIVALS

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We recently closed a good revival here, with Rev. C. E. Richard as the evangelist. God blessed in a wonderful way, and 12 were saved, 10 sanctified, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church.—L. O. Henry, pastor.

SENEY, Ga.—A great revival was just held in Seney, with Mary Frances Frizzel and James Poe Jackson as

evangelists. In the 4 weeks' revival 59 were saved, 58 sanctified, 50 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a good number added to the church. Brother Jackson preached some soul-stirring sermons and Sister Frizzell prayed for the sick. Many were healed, and one man who had used snuff for 35 years was delivered from the habit. Our church was blessed. Our good pastor, Sister Thelma Sharp, is doing a great work here; we do appreciate her.—Reporter.

OUR BOYS and GIRLS Church of God Orphanage

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MISSISSIPPI CONTRIBUTES TO THE ORPHANAGE

One morning, several weeks ago, two sleepy-eyed men came to our office. We soon discovered they were Reverend David Gardner and Reverend C. M. Newton, from the State of Mississippi, who had driven most of the previous day and all night to bring us a truckload of groceries, clothing, and coupons from the churches of that State. We called a photographer to take their picture, with the truck, for this was a rather unusual happening around our Home.

As the boys began to unload, we

soon found that there was scarcely a cubic-inch of space wasted in the loading of the truck. Every nook and corner was filled; clothing, etc., had been placed between the boxes so that it would really be a truckload. There were 346 quarts of home-canned foods, 415 cans of food (tinned), besides a large quantity of dried foods, soap, etc., and many boxes of clothing and coupons.

The children and the workers of the Home wish to express their heartiest thanks to the good people of the State of Mississippi for their kindness and thoughtfulness in sending these gifts.—Mrs. Wm. F. Dych, Reporter.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Prov. 11:4-5.

YECHA

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Edward Matthew Yecha was born at Winifred, Mont., on January 25, 1917. He attended grade school at Winifred and graduated from the Lewistown High School in 1935. He was converted in 1934 and some years later enrolled as a student in the Northwest Bible and Music Academy, from which he graduated in 1942. On June 11, 1942, he married Miss Gladys Vik, to which union 1 son, David, was born.

From 1942 to 1944 Rev. Yecha pastored the Church of God in Harlowton, Mont. He was employed as teacher in Northwest Bible and Music Academy during the 1944-1945 term. In October, 1945, he and his wife and son moved to Canada, where they remained for three and a half years, teaching in the International Bible College, conducting the Church of God broadcast, and acting as part-time pastor of the Moose Jaw Church of God. In 1949 he and his family moved to Minot, N. Dak., where he was employed on the staff of Northwest Bible and Music Academy. He continued, much loved and highly respected, in this position until his death in the fatal automobile accident April 13, 1952, near Webster City, Iowa.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife

and son, his father and mother, of Lewistown, Mont., 2 brothers, Victor and Stanley, of Bozeman, 2 sisters, Mrs. Cavanaugh of Belgrade, and Mrs. Pruett of Raton, N. Mex., other relatives, the staff of the Northwest Bible School, and a host of other friends.

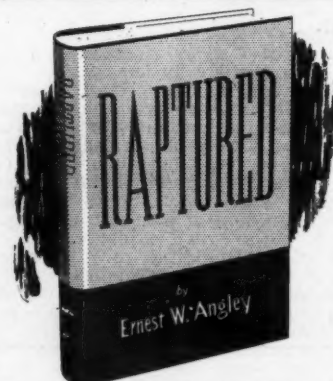
Rev. Yecha was one of the great men of the Church and is missed by the people of the Northwest.—One who loved and respected him, D. C. Boatwright.

ASHER

Polly Asher, born April 25, 1861, died April 28, 1952, at 91 years of age. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1914 and was a member of the Stinnett Gap Church of God. She was a devoted mother and a consecrated Christian. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by 3 children, Louise Barnes, of Chesapeake, Ohio, Rev. B. G. Asher, of Broadhead, Ky., and Hobart Asher, of Essie, Ky. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. J. H. Bowling and J. R. Lenning, pastor of the Maple Street Church of God in Hazard, Ky.—B. G. Asher, Broadhead, Ky.

PHILLIPS

R. W. Phillips, born April 20, 1892, departed this life Feb. 10, 1952. He is greatly missed, as he was faithful in all that the Lord committed unto him. He never missed the church services, and at the time of his death was serving as church clerk, trustee, and member of the Finance committee. His life stands out as an example for all who knew him to follow. Funeral services were held February 12; many people came to pay their last tribute of respect to a man everyone loved. Ministers officiating were H. H. Huns-gate, W. T. Morefield, J. M. Snyder, T. D. Kennedy, and C. H. Vance.—Pastor, C. H. Vance, Bluefield, Va.



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GOD'S PROVISION FOR HEALING

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The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avaleth much," James 5:13-16.

Deliverance from sickness and sin is a personal matter for all. We are all free moral agents; therefore, it is up to each of us to propagate the benefits of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter, as far as our personal salvation is concerned, whether Tom, Dick, or Harry; Mary, June, or Sue is still in sin, or still sick in body, Jesus Christ died on the cross for you; therefore, it is up to you to get saved, and to get healed. Each of us has been given the same promises of God, and all we must do is exercise simple childlike faith in these God-given promises which cannot fail because God cannot fail. Look to Calvary! Jesus says, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye shall receive them, and ye shall have them," Mark 11:24. "All things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23.

THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN

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over and over again we have found God faithful.

The born-again soul has the best of everything at all times, here and hereafter. No one ever saw a real consecrated Christian "down in the dumps" because everything was going against him and he was having a hard struggle with the forces of evil, and often beaten with many stripes. He often rises up with a happy face and shouts, "Praise the Lord!"

The joys of God's salvation are in a real Christian's soul continuously. Of course, he goes through difficulties; he has hard trials; he is subject to afflictions. But that does not mean that he is in permanent defeat. He looks through it all and sees the silver lining in the clouds. He sees the eternal covenant that he has made with God, and he knows that the outcome will be glorious. Like Paul, he will say "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," 2 Tim. 1:12.

You know God will do just what He says He will do. His promises will never fail; neither will you fail so long as you keep yourself in the hands of God. Let us commit our lives into His hands today, for He has promised us "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—Gospel Herald

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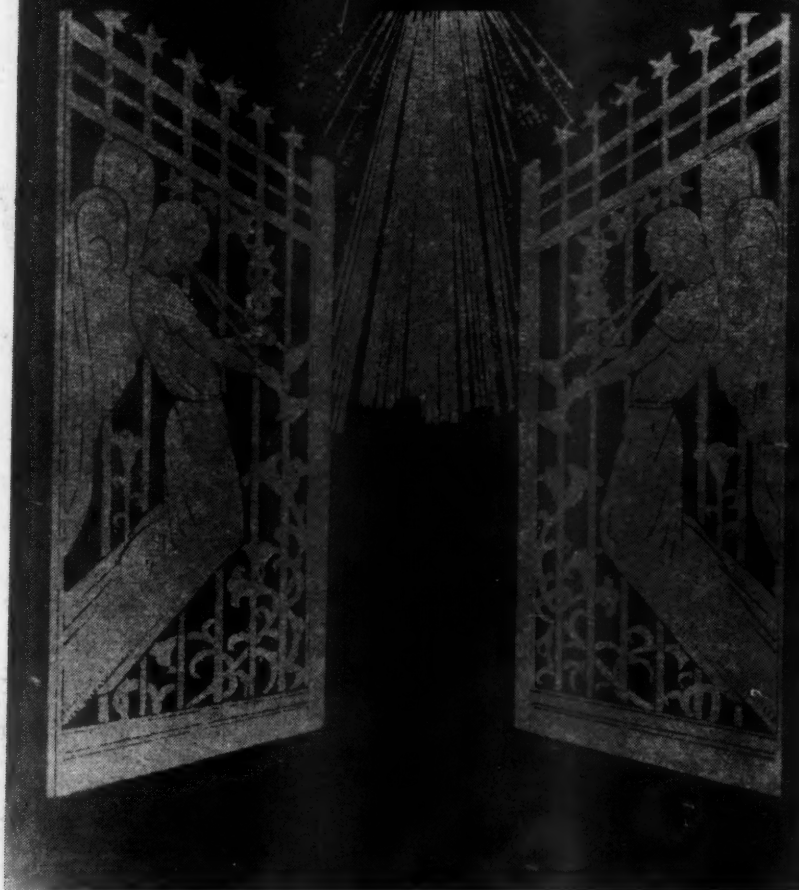
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